

I am objecting to permitting the use of cellular telephones aboard aircraft once airborne by passengers seating in their seats.

My objection is due to the following reasons:

1. Cell phones would enable attackers (such as terrorists) to more effectively coordinate their actions.
2. Cell phone use would make the cabin environment more stressfull for passengers. As we all are well aware of, using cell phones is often intrusive for the surrounding public. The airplane cabin would make it impossible for the surrounding public to avoid intrusion by the cellular caller.
3. Cell phone behavior and use would have to be enforced by flight attendants, distracting them further from their primary responsibilities.

However, I would be open to the use of cell phones in a designated area, for example, in the galley. Such would conflict with the desire to keep passengers seated most of the time.

(Personal air travel background: Frequent traveller, flying 100K+ miles yearly)